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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 12, DURIS, German str., 771, Zerrahn, Whampoa 12th Dec., General—WRELL & Co.

December 12, KWONGSANG, British steamer, 1,000, W. Wood, Shanghai 6th December, Specia and General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

December 12, CANTON, British steamer, 1,111, Balmerie, Wuhan via Shanghai 7th December, Kien-Jardine, MATTHESON & Co.

December 12, ACTIVA, German steamer, 358, Christmann, Chefoo 5th December, General—SIEMSEN & Co.

December 12, ALEXANDER, British steamer, 809, C. W. Hopworth, R.N.J., Wuhan 6th December, SUMMERS & Co.

December 12, MELBOURNE, French steamer, 2,482, de la Marselle, Shanghai 10th December, M. and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

December 12, VILLASO, Spanish corvette, E. F. Buton, Manila 9th December.

December 12, CEUSADER, British steamer, 647, Kowin, Haiphong 10th December, General—A. R. MARTY.

December 12, MENZALEH, French str., 1,273, Bonis, Yokohama 5th December, and Kobe 5th, Malls and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

December 12, HILTON, Am. str., 1,139, T. B. Howes, San Francisco 14th October, Flora—RUSSELL & Co.

December 12, DANTINE, British steamer, 461, Anderson, Pakho 7th December, Euston 10th, and Macao 12th, General—YUEN FAT HONG.

December 13, AMY, British steamer, 815, R. Keebler from Whampoa, General—SIEMSEN & Co.

December 13, MARCIA, British steamer, 1,050, W. Mitchell, from Whampoa, General—SIEMSEN & Co.

December 13, NATAL, French steamer, 2,455, Such, Marcellis 8th November, via Naps, Port Said, Suez, Ales, Colombo, Singapore 5th December, and Saigon 8th, Malls and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

December 13, CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, Aaron George, Saigon 7th December, Rio—ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

December 13, HEYER, German steamer, 388, Dethlefsen, Shanghai 6th December, General—ED. SCHLEICH & Co.

December 13, ERYA, German steamer, 1,472, H. Brösen, Newcastle (N.S.W.) 1st November, Coal—CAPTAIN.

December 13, GERDA, German steamer, 340, C. Erichson, Haiphong 10th December, Rice—SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

December 13, BANALDEN, British str., for Yokohama.

December 12, WING SANG, British str., for Singapore.

December 12, FERD, German str., for Saigon.

December 12, FUSHUN, Chinese str., for Amy.

December 12, FOOSANG, British steamer, for Shanghai.

December 12, NINGPO, British steamer, for Shanghai.

December 12, FOOKIN, British str., for Amy.

December 12, SUMATRA, British str., for Bombay.

December 13, KONG BENG, British steamer, for Bangkok.

December 13, THALER, British str., for Swatow.

December 13, CAMELOT, British str., for Amy.

December 13, LIVESTON, German bark, for Touron.

December 13, KWONGSANG, British steamer, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per KWONGSANG, str., from Shanghai—Hon. W. Keebler and Mr. Aitchison, and 23 Chinese.

Per TURKISH, str., from Wuhan—Mr. Salter and 2 Chinese.

Per MELBOURNE, str., from Shanghai—Mr. MacLean & Co.; Dr. J. H. Lovry, J. P. Barret, Messrs. Schroeder, O. Joch, R. S. Judah, W. D. Edwards, P. Williams, Cheo Huan, and 8 Chinese.

Per COLOMBO—Mr. W. Van Mutschek, for Maesilles—Mr. de Pommayr.

Per MELBOURNE, str., from Shanghai—Mr. F. L. D'Arcy, from Paley & Co.; Messrs. Henderson and Sturton, and 74 Chinese.

Per CHINATOWN, str., from Haiphong—Messrs. J. Ernest Rigolle, Demarie, and Dupuis, and 6 Chinese.

Per MELBOURNE, str., from Yokohama—For Hongkong—Messrs. Cassata and John Bright, and 3 Marines. For MELBOURNE—Messrs. L. W. McLean, T. W. McLean, S. Kitazato, T. Okabe, and C. Ichino.

Per MELBOURNE, str., from Hongkong—Mr. Justice Russell, Messrs. Yoshinari, Yakuhi, Hamada, Mori, Quing-ting, Quang, Wei, Eto, Teien, Rono, Starling, Sprungli, and 2 Chinese.

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ACCORDING to our Shanghai morning contemporary, the ex-King of Burmah made an appeal to the Emperor of China for assistance, just before the capture of Mandalay.

The Chinese Government, however, declined to interfere. They had no wish to embroil themselves with England in the first place; were no doubt perfectly satisfied that Tressaw was about to gain his deserts; and were probably the less disposed to intervene owing to the recent intrigues of the deposed monarch with M. Haas, the French Consul.

Apart from these excellent reasons for non-intervention by the Peking Authorities, the connection between China and Burmah has for many years been very slight. There is no doubt that the ruler of Burmah formerly regarded the Emperor of China as his suzerain, and sent his tribute, but the uncertainty was of a purely nominal character, and China exercised no active influence at Mandalay even on the King's foreign relations.

No remonstrance from Peking followed the annexation by the British Government of Aracan, Pegu, and Tenasserim, and events in Burmah have never caused the slightest flutter of disquietude in the Chinese capital. King Tressaw has never even, so far as we can gather, sent any tribute or acknowledgment of his vassalage to the Dragon Throne, and doubtless the fact would be remembered against him when his request for aid was transmitted the other day. The last tribute offered by Burmah to China was in 1875. It was despatched by King Meng-tun, and left Burmah at the commencement of the year, going overland through Yunnan. The Envoy bore with them a letter, in gold characters, from the King to the Emperor, begging his acceptance of the following presents:—A Burmese stone image of the God of Longevity; five tame elephants; a pair of ivory tusks weighing 50 catties; three jade-studded articles, weighing 210 catties; eight gilt framed and inlaid mirrors; two gold rings set with rubies; two gold rings set with yellow; twenty-eight pieces of shirting, Spanish stripes, and crapes; ten fine handkerchiefs; twenty foreign carpet rugs; 10,000 sheets of gold leaf and the same number of silver leaf; seventeen catties of sandalwood; ten bottles, ten of pomade; fifty-four ornamental boxes; five pictures of elephants; and fifteen peacock's tails. The tribute mission reached Peking on the 10th September, 1875. We cannot gather that any particular courtesy or favour was extended to the Burmese Mission. It has always been the policy of the Chinese Government to treat the tribute bearers with condescension, and accept the presents as a matter of course. The fact of their arrival and presentation is duly recorded in the daily pages of the *Peking Gazette*; they are entertained at Peking for a time, and sometimes allowed to trade—this was especially the case with the Korean Envos before the peninsula kingdom was opened to foreign trade—and they are then passed on their way from Peking to another with an escort of soldiers. King Tressaw apparently saw no reason for rendering tribute to the Son of Heaven, and the Chinese Emperor has been unable to discover any good cause for regretting the downfall of the lord of Ava.

A change has, however, come over the views of the Peaking Cabinet on foreign affairs. The result of their interference in Tonquin, while signally unfortunate for France, also proved terribly costly to China, and certainly not of a nature to invite its early repetition.

Then the circumstances are different and the adversary would be prepared and in position. Lastly, Chinese interests in Asia do not run counter to those of England, from whom aggression has ceased to be feared in Peking. Chinese statesmen have, lately come to regard England in the light of a check upon Russian and French aggression, and recognise the fact that British interests in the Far East are those of peace and commercial progress alone. The necessity of replacing anarchy in Upper Burmah by good and stable government is one which the Chinese Government, always exceedingly solicitous to prevent disturbances on their frontiers, must fully recognise and cordially endorse. The statement made by Lord Salisbury at the Guildhall banquet that England's action in Burmah has received the friendly assent of Peking is therefore readily understandable. There was, of course, no real need for the British Government to make any reference to Peking is the matter, but it was right and courteous to do so, securing the relations which for so long existed between Burmah and China.

The opening of a preparatory school for the teaching of English to Chinese boys at the Shanghai Polytechnic Institution, which took place on the 26th instant, is an event of some importance in connection with the progress of Western education in China. The Polytechnic Institution was established for the purpose of bringing Western arts, sciences, and inventions prominently before the Chinese of the Model Settlement, and valuable sets of scientific apparatus and models of many descriptions, sufficient for courses of practical lectures on all the leading branches of science, have, we learn from

the *N. C. Daily News*, been procured. An advanced school of science is to be formed in connection with the institution, and the preparatory school referred to is intended to train boys to enter this advanced class. The scheme, if carried to a successful issue, of which there appears to be every prospect, cannot fail to confer great advantages on China and the Chinese. The multiplication of agencies in the Central Kingdom whereby a knowledge of Western arts and sciences can be disseminated, and the thick clouds of prejudice cleared away, is greatly to be desired, and any progress in this direction is matter for sincere congratulation.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 11 A.M. yesterday morning.

The Russian gunboat *Morge* left Ningpo on the 7th instant for the south.

The Russian cruiser *Krasnye* left Checumko, Korea, on the 30th inst. for China.

The Agent informs us that the Pacific Mail steamer *City of New York*, with dates from San Francisco to the 19th inst., left Yokohama for this port yesterday.

The Agents (Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co.) inform us that the China Steamer *Shantung*, from London, left Singapor on Saturday.

The *Mercury* hears that Mr. von Möllendorff has accepted the post of private secretary to Li Hung-chang, lately become vacant by the departure of Mr. Ng Choy for America.

We learn that Messrs. Melchers & Co. have been appointed agents of the North German Lloyd's steamers for China. This is the new German mail line of steamers to the Far East.

The Hon. W. K. Kieswetter arrived here on Saturday morning by the Indo-China steamer *Kwangtung* from Shanghai after an absence of several months from the Colony.

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On the Corps orders for the Volunteers for this week there is a notification that there will be a march out on Christmas Day to North Point, where there will be target practice with seven pounder guns. There will be a regular field day, and it is the first turn out this season that the Corps will have. In addition to a number of men having joined this season, there is also a review of interest in the rank of drilling and target practice. On Saturday there was quite a large muster for carbine practice at Kowloon.

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